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AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

In the Specification:

Please add the following paragraph after the paragraph ending on page 4,

line 37:

--Further scope of the applicability of the present invention will become apparent from the detailed description given hereinafter. However, it should be understood that the detailed description and specific examples, while indicating preferred embodiments of the invention, are given by way of illustration only, since various changes and modifications within the spirit and scope of the invention will become apparent to those skilled in the art from this detailed description.--

Please add the following paragraph after the heading beginning on page 5,

line 1:

--The present invention will become more fully understood from the detailed description given hereinbelow and the accompanying drawings which are given by way of illustration only, and thus are not limitative of the present invention, and wherein:--

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Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 7, line 4, as follows:

--It goes without saying that many embodiments in addition to those described above are feasible. The shapes of the hoses and the grooves 4 can be varied in many ways. For example, the cross-sectional shape of the groove can be different in different parts of the hose 100. Instead of having grooves, the expansion portions can be designed in some other fashion, provided that efficient expansibility is obtained. For instance, the expansion portions 4 can be made of an elastic material which is put together with the wall portions 5, or of a weakened area which owing to its thinner wall thickness will be more elastic than the surrounding wall portions 5. By varying the above different parameters, the hose portions can thus be made to be displaced in the desired direction in pressurising or in case of vibrations. Of course, the preform of the hose can also be of a different design, according to the purpose of the hose. It should also be noted that a hose according to the invention, thanks to the expansion portions, can be made flexible. Also the direction of the flexibility is then dependent on the relationship of the expansion portions 4 and the wall portions 5.--

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Please add the following paragraph after the paragraph ending on page 8,
line 4:

--The invention being thus described, it will be obvious that the same
may be varied in many ways. Such variations are not to be regarded as a
departure from the spirit and scope of the invention, and all such modifications
as would be obvious to one skilled in the art are intended to be included within
the scope of the following claims.--